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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 26.

FRIDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEFENCE FORCES—INCREASED RATES OF PAY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the increased rates of pay and allowances approved for members of the Naval, Military and Air Forces.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
National Security (Liquid Fuel) Regulations—Order—1948, No. 2.
National Security (Prices) Regulations—Order—No. 3411 (substitute copy).
4. DEFENCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act* 1946–1947, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
5. IMMIGRATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Immigration Act* 1901–1940.
Question—put and passed.
6. ALIENS DEPORTATION BILL 1948.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Deportation of certain Aliens.
Question—put and passed.
7. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (No. 2) 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister in charge of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research), pursuant to leave given on the 8th October, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to provide for the transfer to the Commonwealth Service of certain employees of the Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, and for other purposes*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Harrison (Acting Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed by Mr. White who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “*That*” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“*the Bill be withdrawn and referred to a Parliamentary Select Committee of ex-servicemen appointed to inquire into and report upon the present repatriation pension rates with a view to better adjusting these rates to present living costs*”.
Debate continued.
Mr. Bowden was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McBride, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Russell, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Sheehy.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.